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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
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Cal Expo, Sacramento, California  
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**Report for the Week of Tuesday, January 30, 2024, through Sunday, February 4, 2024.**

**TUESDAY**01/30/24<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY DUTY**

Steward **Steve Carpenito** was present for entries for the double draw for both Friday, February 2, 2024, and Sunday, February 4, 2024. One hundred fifty-one (151) horses were entered with one hundred forty-eight (148) drawing in. There is a ten (10) race card scheduled for Friday with a post time of 6:45 PM and an eleven (11) race card scheduled for Sunday with a post time of 5:00 PM.

01/30/24<sup>2</sup>**QUAIFYING DRAW**

Entries were taken this morning for the qualifiers to be held prior to the regularly scheduled races on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Two (2) races were drawn with a post time of 4:15 PM.

**WEDNESDAY**01/31/24<sup>1</sup>**DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME**

Steward **Steve Carpenito** was present to take changes and scratches for the Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were several driver changes and one (1) scratch.

**THURSDAY**02/01/24<sup>1</sup>**DRIVER CHANGES & SCRATCH TIME**

Steward **Steve Carpenito** again was present to take any changes and scratches for the Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. There were several driver changes and no scratches.

02/01/24<sup>2</sup>**DRIVERS IN**

Driver LEYMONE SVENDSEN who drove #1 CRAZY CUTE- Trainer Kathleen Plested in the 7th race on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, was in to review his actions while setting the pace. Mr. Svendsen agreed that his actions were a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1721(l). Ruling to follow.

Driver/Trainer James Ruchotzke who drove #6 SWEET TIMBER-Trainer James Ruchotzke in the 9<sup>th</sup> race on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, was in to review his actions during the race regarding going inside six (6) pylons during the mile. Mr. Ruchotzke agreed that his actions were in violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530. Ruling to follow.

Driver/Trainer Luke Plano who drove #4 EDITORIAL-Trainer Jessie Pacheco in the 5<sup>th</sup> race on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, was in to review his actions with the whip in the stretch. Mr. Plano agreed that his actions were in violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1734 (b)(7). Ruling to follow.

Driver/Trainer Gerald Longo who drove #1 A MAJOR OMEN-Trainer Gerald Longo in the 7<sup>th</sup> race on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, was in to review his actions with the whip in the stretch. Mr. Longo agreed that his actions were in violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1734 (b)(7). Ruling to follow.

FRIDAY  
02/02/24<sup>1</sup>

**RACE DAY DUTY**

Steve Carpenito was the Reporting and Duty Steward.

02/02/24<sup>2</sup>

**RULINGS WRITTEN**

**Cal Expo Ruling # 18**

Cal Expo Driver LEMOYNE SVENDSEN is hereby fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1721 (I). While driving #1 CRAZY CUTE in the seventh race on Friday, January 26, 2024, at Cal Expo Harness, Mr. Svendsen did fail to set and maintain a reasonable pace (slow second quarter 31.0).

**Cal Expo Ruling # 19**

Cal Expo Trainer Leon Smith is hereby fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1894 (DUTIES OF TRAINER/FAILURE TO REPORT EQUIPMENT CHANGE). On Friday, January 26, 2024 in the second race Mr. Smith failed to inform the Stewards of a significant equipment change regarding #5 TICKET TO ROLL.

**Cal Expo Ruling #20**

Cal Expo Driver-Trainer JESSIE PACHECO is hereby fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1894 (DUTIES OF TRAINER/FAILURE TO REPORT EQUIPMENT CHANGE). On Friday, January 26, 2024 in the fifth race Mr. Pacheco failed to inform the Stewards of a significant equipment change regarding #7 URKILLINMESMALLS.

**Cal Expo Ruling #21**

Cal Expo Driver LUKE PLANO who drove #4 EDITORIAL in the fifth race on Sunday, January 28, 2024, is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1734 (b)(8) (Use of the whip more than six times during a race, excluding showing or waving the whip).

**Cal Expo Ruling #22**

Cal Expo Driver GERALD LONGO who drove #4 A MAJOR OMEN in the seventh race on Sunday, January 28, 2024, is hereby fined the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1734 (b)(7) (Use of the whip more than six times during a race, excluding showing or waving the whip). This is Mr. Longo's second offense of the 2023/2024 racing season).

**Cal Expo Ruling #23**

Cal Expo Harness Driver JAMES RUCHOTZKE who drove horse #6 SWEET TIMBER in the ninth race on Sunday, January 28, 2024, is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)\* for violation of Cal Expo Watch and Wager pylon rule. Went inside three consecutive pylons. California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases not covered). Horse finished fifth and was placed last.

02/02/24<sup>3</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

3<sup>rd</sup> Race Declaration- #3 SILVERHILL VOLO- Trainer James Lackey- Veterinarian- Sick- Dr. Lane Schloeder. Refund: \$107.70.

02/02/24<sup>4</sup>

**Paddock Meeting**

Watch and Wager General Manager Chris Schick hosted a pre-race meeting in the paddock for all participants to discuss the future of Harness Racing at Cal Expo.

02/02/24<sup>5</sup>

**RACE DAY**

Ten (10) races were scheduled tonight over a track rated "Good" with a post time of 6:45 PM.

02/02/24<sup>6</sup>

**1<sup>st</sup> RACE EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION**

The timer failed to trigger at the start of tonight's first race causing the stewards to hand time the race off the replay. For the remainder of the evening's races, the timer had to manually triggered at the start of the race as well as the finish.

02/02/24<sup>7</sup>

**2<sup>nd</sup> RACE/CALIFORNIA SIRE STAKES**

In the second race a field of four (4) four (4) year old horse and geldings Pacers contested the California Sire Stakes for a purse of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

02/02/24<sup>8</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	168	\$31,600.50
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	N/A	\$281,236.10
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$465,465.23
<b>TOTAL</b>	168	\$778,301.83

**SATURDAY**  
02/03/24<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY**

**SUNDAY**  
02/04/24<sup>1</sup>

**RACE DAY DUTY**

Steve Carpenito Reporting and Duty Steward.

02/04/24<sup>2</sup>

**QUALIFYING RACES CANCELED**

Entries taken this week for two (2) qualifying races to be held prior to the regularly scheduled races today but were canceled due to severe weather.

02/04/24<sup>3</sup>

**RACING CANCELED**

At approximately 10:00 AM, Watch and Wager General Manager Chris Schick informed the stewards that this evening's races were canceled due to the threat of severe weather.

02/04/24<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	0	\$0.00
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	N/A	\$0.00
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	\$0.00

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 2/02</b>	<b>Sat 2/03</b>	<b>Sun 2/04</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Refunds</b>	1	0	0	1	24
<b>Rulings</b>	6	0	0	6	36
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Carpenito, Steward

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Rod Newhart, Steward

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John Yinger, Steward

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Tom McCarthy, Safety Steward

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